AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the "Brief Description of the Drawings" section on p. 1 of the specification with the following amended section:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Figures ~~Figure~~ 1A and 1B show ~~shows~~ schematically the construction of plasmid pDR75.

Figures ~~Figure~~ 2A-2C show ~~shows~~ schematically the construction of plasmid pDR85.

Figure 3 shows schematically the construction of plasmid pDR109.

Figures ~~Figure~~ 4A and 4B show ~~shows~~ schematically the construction of plasmid pDR88.

Figure 5 shows schematically the construction of plasmid pDR80.

Figure 6 shows schematically the construction of plasmid pDR102.

Figure 7 shows schematically the construction of plasmid pDR112.

Please replace the paragraph on p. 3, lines 27-30 of the specification with the following amended paragraph:

A PCR product of the anticipated size was obtained, NdeI/BamHI digested and cloned into NdeI/BamHI digested pMBD202020 as outlined in the figures. The insert DNA was verified to be correct by nucleotide sequence analysis and the clone was designated pDR75-11. (~~Figure 1~~Figures 1A and 1B)

Please replace the paragraph on p. 3, line 35 to p. 4, line 2 of the specification with the following amended paragraph:

Vector pDR75-11 is a constitutive expression vector and it was desired to have a vector in which the expression of the trxA gene could be regulated. The trxA gene from pDR75-11 was subcloned as a XbaI/BamHI fragment into pMBD112012. The resulting plasmid was designated pDR85. The trxA gene is expressed from the lpp/lac promoter-operator and is regulated by the lacIQ repressor. (~~Figure 2~~Figures 2A-2C)

Please replace the paragraph on p. 5, lines 16-17 of the specification with the following amended paragraph:

The BsaBI/BAMHI fragment from pDR80 was cloned into pDR85 to generate pDR88. (~~Figure 4~~Figures 4A and 4B)